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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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| Application Number     | 09/709,145           |
| Filing Date            | November 2, 2000     |
| First Named Inventor   | Arturo Rodriguez     |
| Group Art Unit         | 2611                 |
| Examiner Name          | Lonsberry, Hunter B. |
| Attorney Docket Number | A-6655 (191930-1230) |

## This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCE's (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
- a. ☐ Previously Submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s) reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on
- ii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other:
2. **Miscellaneous**
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required).
- b. ☐ Other:
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of the sheet.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ enclosed.
- c. ☒ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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| Name (Print Type) | Jeffrey R. Kuester | Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) | 34,367 |
| Signature         |                    | Date                              | 5-7-06 |

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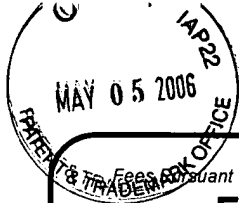
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**FEE TRANSMITTAL**  
**For FY 2006**

**Complete if Known**

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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**FEE CALCULATION**

**1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

| Application Type | Filing Fees |                      | Search Fees |                      | Examination Fees |                      | Fees Paid (\$) |
|------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|
|                  | Fee (\$)    | Small Entity Fee(\$) | Fee (\$)    | Small Entity Fee(\$) | Fee (\$)         | Small Entity Fee(\$) |                |
| Utility          | 300         | 150                  | 500         | 250                  | 200              | 100                  |                |
| Design           | 200         | 100                  | 100         | 50                   | 130              | 65                   |                |
| Plant            | 200         | 100                  | 300         | 150                  | 160              | 80                   |                |
| Reissue          | 300         | 150                  | 500         | 250                  | 600              | 300                  |                |
| Provisional      | 200         | 100                  | 0           | 0                    | 0                | 0                    |                |

**2. EXCESSIVE CLAIM FEES**

| Fee Description  |              | Small Entity |               |
|--|--------------|--------------|---------------|
|  |              | Fee (\$)     | Fee(\$)       |
| Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)                        |              | 50           | 25            |
| Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)             |              | 200          | 100           |
| Multiple dependent claims                                      |              | 360          | 180           |
| Total Claims   | Extra Claims | Fee (\$)     | Fee Paid (\$) |
| -20 or HP =  |              |              |               |
| HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if great than 20 |              |              |               |
| Indep. Claims  | Extra Claims | Fee (\$)     | Fee Paid (\$) |
| -3 or HP =   |              |              |               |
| HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if great than 3  |              |              |               |

**3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE**

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 USC 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s)

| Total Sheets | Extra Sheets | Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof | Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) |
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**4. OTHER FEE(S)**

|                            |                                      |               |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Non-English Specification, | \$130 fee (no small entity discount) | Fee Paid (\$) |
| Other: RCE                 |                                      | 790.00        |

**SUBMITTED BY**

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